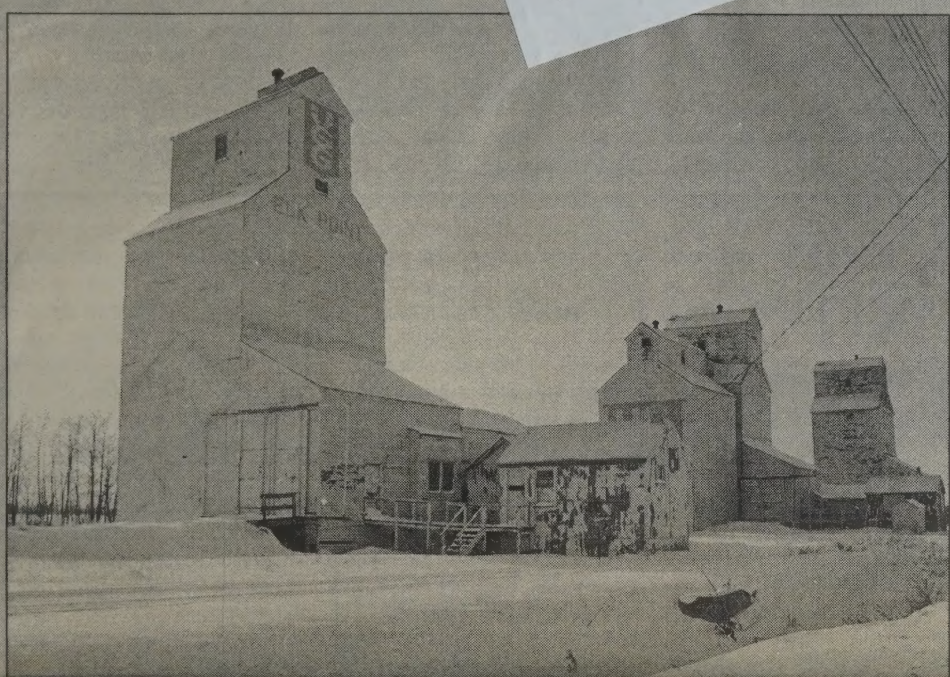




END OF AN ERA -- United Grain Growers closed the doors of their Elk Point facility on December 31, after serving the community for 68 years. United Grain Growers built the first elevator in Elk Point in 1927, followed later that year by the Victoria Elevator Company and in 1929 by Alberta Wheat Pool. Eugene McDonell, the late father-in-law of Mayor Ed Buck, was the first UGG grain buyer. UGG has operated all three elevators since Alberta Wheat Pool built their new elevator west of town in 1983.

Council, FCSS Board discuss department's role and future

Elk Point FCSS Board and their director met with Town Council last Thursday in a special meeting held to discuss the future of the department.

Mayor Ed Buck said that it is the Town's intention to review the operation of all departments and see what services it is practical to offer, in the wake of grant cuts and unpaid taxes which have decreased the Town's income. "We are trying to keep the tax base where it is, even though we could lose ten percent of our total budget. Our major concern is what services we can provide within our budget."

FCSS Board Chair Lang Ellison said the board has evaluated what they think is essential, and reviewed what they don't think is essential to the preventive nature of the department. They have contacted people whom they thought might wish to take over some of the functions, but did not find anyone interested.

Board member John Humphrey asked Council their feelings on the department's role. Mayor Buck said that role included the preventive functions and starting programs which would later continue on their own. "Those people have been handling the programs. How much supervision do they need?"

Councillor Louis Verhagen noted that the Playschool will be entirely on its own at the end of 1995, and that some of the other programs are "undoubtedly not essential." However, he foresees more government downloading, with the town having to take on even more preventive programs. "As long as we have FCSS, we will be able to handle it."

Dan Povaschuk is familiar with the operation of the Meals

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The past year in review -- Part II

This week we take a look at the events of the second half of 1995.

July: celebrations and rodeos

The Canada Day celebrations followed the "We Remember" theme and were followed by a truck and tractor pull, which was a roaring success, and a gospel concert headlined by Kene and Mildred Jackson. Stoney Lake and Whitney Lake had gorgeous weather for the wild west action of their annual rodeos, which were both held the same weekend. Elk Point Baptist Church and the rest of the community bid farewell to John and Roberta McGregor and family. Elk Point Saddle Slickers held their achievement day, with Danielle Schnurer

and Jaylene Purdy also winning awards at the District Horse Show. Oldtime cowboys, a herd of wild horses, and a long wagon train led the parade at Tulliby Lake's homecoming and history book launch. Buddy Bensmiller won the Calgary Stampede chuckwagon aggregate, and lost the \$50,000 race by 3/100 second. Scouts were off to Kananaskis for the Alberta Jamboree. Tourist Information Clerk Sherry Pelech and a number of others celebrated Parks Day by hiking the Whitney Lakes Esker. Town Council allocated \$4000 in recreation funding to Minor Ball, the soccer club and the agricultural fairgrounds. Rain finally arrived, too late for the hay crops, just in time to dampen the County Crop Tour participants as they toured the grazing reserve, Ferences' buffalo ranch and other sites.

August: Cenotaph dedicated

Fifty years of peace were marked by the dedication of Elk Point's new cenotaph, half a century after the day victory was declared over Japan, ending the second World War. Christina Brown won her second annual Elk Point Fair grand aggregate award. Shanna Baker won gold and silver medals at the Alberta Summer Games, and later won the Junior High Point at the Elk Point Open Horse Show. Art Britton won his third Oilmen's Golf Tournament. Quebec 4-Hers visiting the area enjoyed a taste of western living, with rodeos and a river boat ride. Buddy Bensmiller won the CPCA finals meet, and placed second for the season.

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Chamber greets the new year

Elk Point held their first 1996 meeting last Wednesday, and viewed a new year with several changes on the business scene. United Grain Growers and Sew and Knit have closed their doors, while both Golden Loaf Bakery and Millie's Flowers have new management.

A surprise to the Chamber was word from Barb Kaufman at Elk Point Health Centre that Dr. Keith McNeilly will be resigning February 17. The possibility of Chamber involvement in recruiting a new doctor was discussed, with Anne Himschoot of the St. Paul-Smoky Lake Community Business Development Corporation noting that that body is involved in recruiting a physician in Smoky Lake. George Rife of the CBDC will be present at the next Chamber meeting to discuss economic development, so may be asked for further details at that time.

The Chamber also discussed the January 4 meeting between the Town and FCSS Board, with the feeling that in the face of cut-backs and downloading, FCSS will become more important than ever. If FCSS were to cease operation, a large percentage of queries now handled by that department would be directed to the Town office, which is not geared to handle such matters.

Council, FCSS Board discuss role and future

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on Wheels program, and mentioned that it is the one function funded in part with a federal FCSS grant. He questioned "what is preventive" about some other parts of the operation, and said "I want to be sold on it."

Mae Hendrickson acknowledged that "it all comes down to costs. There are some things I question because of the cost."

Ron Smith's vision contains the possibility of FCSS becoming more important in the future, in "a continued preventive advisory position."

Dave Yake was involved with the programs, evaluations and referrals as a board member, and saw the referrals as "the main project. Many of the others, FCSS could become less involved with. There will be more need for somebody to coordinate this in the future, and it should be done in a private office because of the personal nature."

Bill Schuhmacher felt FCSS "got too big and took on too many projects. A lot could run on their own. We have to concentrate on some and drop others, keeping the information and referral. That's about all we can really do."

The FCSS Department runs four days a week, with a week's closure at Christmas and spring break, and a two month closure in the summer. The decreased operations resulted from coping with "full time demand on a part time budget. It's a real challenge," said FCSS Director Terri Ehler. She noted that "prevention is only one aspect. The other is support services, which help to make strong individuals a part of strong families, and through

that a strong community." She noted that some services "reduce costs down the road," such as Meals on Wheels, which allow some seniors to live in their own homes rather than being institutionalized.

A recent evaluation of programs listed information and referral, which requires approximately 25% of staff time, and facilitation, which takes 35% of staff time and includes spearheading the formation of projects and groups that are identified as a need in the community, facilitating public meetings and work-

shops, and collaboration with individuals and agencies, as the core programs. An emphasis for 1996 on services for children, exploring counselling possibilities, seniors initiatives, family support initiatives and family violence prevention, was suggested. Other functions include child care services, playschool, meals on wheels, welcome package, the community TV channel, Elks van bookings, and the babysitting course.

Members of the public attending the meeting were asked for their comments.

These ranged from concern that the end of FCSS programs would put even a greater load on local volunteers, to positive feedback from those presented with the welcome package, to the need for the Town to maintain a social conscience and look at the matter on a long term basis.

The financial aspect was explored at some length. The Town receives \$32,000 from the province for FCSS, although they changed last year from a conditional to an unconditional grant. They also supply approximately \$10,000 from

the Town coffers toward the operation. The Town has approved a tentative operating budget based on last year's so the department can continue operations, but have not approved the 1996 budget presented to Council for their approval. Possible ways to increase funding were discussed, including obtaining some funds through Children's Services. Increasing taxes was seen as a last resort.

Council will inform the FCSS Board of their decisions on the future of the department by the end of January.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

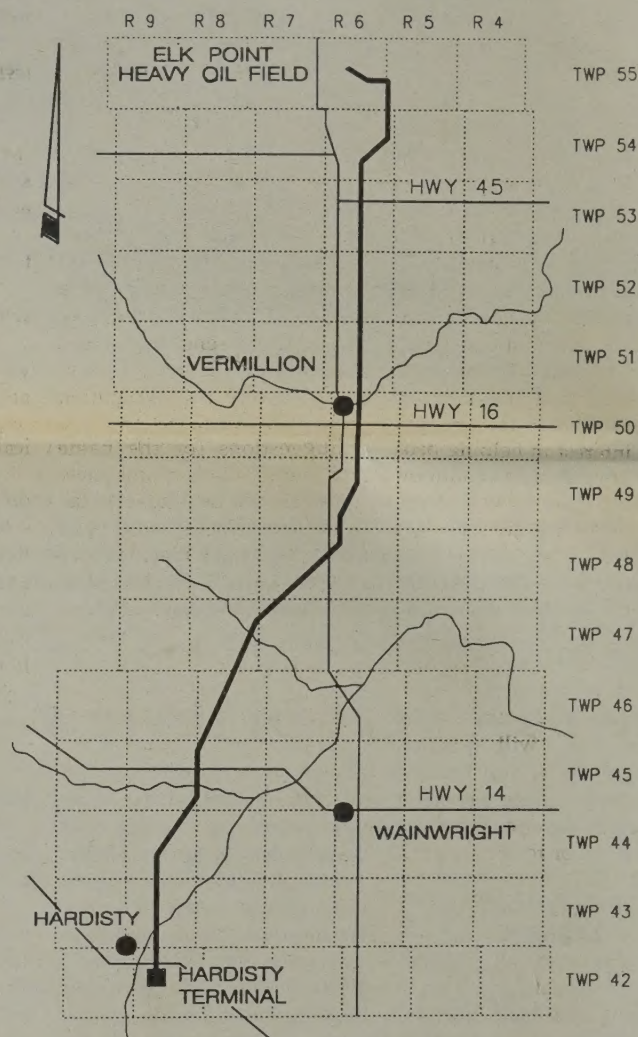
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GIBSON IS PROPOSING TO CONSTRUCT NEW PIPELINES

A 12 inch pipeline is proposed to deliver heavy crude oil from producing fields in the Elk Point area to the Hardisty Terminal. In addition, a 6 inch pipeline is proposed to deliver condensate for blending purposes from Hardisty to the Elk Point area. The planned pipelines will be constructed at the same time and installed in a common ditch. The proposed route for these pipelines is shown on the map at right.

WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT

Meetings have been arranged to introduce the project to everyone in the affected communities and to give the public an opportunity to ask questions and raise any concerns. Gibson representatives will be available to answer any questions and to note your concerns. This is your chance to have input into the project. We look forward to your attendance.



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The meetings have been scheduled from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM as follows:

Wednesday, January 17, 1996
Brunswick Motor Inn (Brunswick Rm.)
Vermillion, Alberta

Thursday, January 18, 1996
Hardisty Community Hall
Hardisty, Alberta

Coffee and Snacks will be served

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FCSS News

Reach out and make a difference!

Each year from February to April community volunteers, in conjunction with Revenue Canada, offer their services to complete straightforward income tax returns free of charge to individuals needing assistance. This service is need-based and is available to individuals whose income levels fall below established thresholds.

The beneficiaries of this service vary from seniors to single parents to students and everything in between. What these individuals share is a need for a little assistance to successfully complete their income tax returns. Although many of these individuals may not be taxable, successful and timely completion of an annual tax return is essential as a trigger to various government programs including GSTC, Child Tax Benefit and certain Old Age Security supplements.

Volunteers are as varied as the population they serve. There are no specific requirements to being a volunteer except an understanding of basic mathematical concepts and an interest in helping people in need. The common denominator in the volunteers is the great satisfaction they get from being involved.

Revenue Canada provides the initial training as well as ongoing support to volunteers. Elk Point will host this workshop on Wednesday, January 31, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. St. Paul will host an evening workshop on January 31 for those unable to attend the daytime session. For more information, or to register, call FCSS at 724-3800.

PEOPLE WORTH CELEBRATING

Our country is full of people worth celebrating. They'll never be famous and their stories may not make headline

news. They're your neighbors — people who care about others, citizens who give to the community more than they take. These caregivers are found all over Canada and set an example for others to follow. Their contributions, as informal or formal volunteers, make life brighter for all of us. Like every volunteer, they care enough to work without reward and without recognition.

The Governor General wants to know about the thousands of compassionate people in Canada who devote so much of their time and effort to so many causes or to other people — and to thank them through a newly established national award.

The award needs a name and a visual symbol or logo which can be used on certificates and on the award itself. You are invited to submit proposals for either a name or a design for a symbol. You may also wish to send the names and stories of people who might qualify for recognition under this award.

Suggestions for the name and the symbol of the new award should be mailed to the Governor General and postmarked no later than January 19, 1996. Entry forms and additional information are available at the FCSS office (724-3800).

ELK POINT PARENT NURSERY

Elk Point Parent Nursery is a non-profit "cooperative" organization which provides an environment where moms with newborns, toddlers and preschoolers up to age 5 can meet and have some fun. We run a semi-structured program Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The program includes time for free play, a craft, a snack and a story.

Throughout the year various outings are scheduled such as: swimming, visiting a petting farm, a fire station, the police station and fun time at a park. Parent Nursery is held in the basement at the Baptist Church and runs from October to May. Fee is \$35 per family per year. For more information call Donna Amos-Arnold (President) at 724-3373.

WORKING WITH ADDICTED FAMILIES

This two-day workshop is designed for people working with chemically affected families. You will learn:

- * How to use a family system to treat chemically dependent people and their families.

- * How to assess and define the problem, family counselling techniques, role play and other strategies.

- * How to interrupt the pattern of family enabling.

- * How to use co-therapy when working with families.

This workshop will help you to integrate family systems and addiction theory techniques that will help the chemically dependent family.

The workshop will be held on January 23 and 24 from 9:00 - 4:00 in the AADAC Seminar Room (4448-50 Ave., St. Paul). For more information or to register call AADAC at 645-6346. Registration deadline is January 19 and the workshop is limited to 14 participants.

ELK POINT SUPPORT GROUP

The Elk Point Support Group goals are:

- * To help victims acknowledge and empower their healing process.

- * To provide confidential support to adult victims of sexual, mental, physical and emotional abuse.

- * To identify community resources and how individuals

can access services.

- * To share and listen among peers, to realize you are not alone.

The Support Group meets at the Elk Point Health Centre. Meeting structure consists of creating a safe, trustworthy, confident environment in which to share. For more information call Peggy Adomaitis at 724-2380.

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You and I are in a relationship which I value very much and want very much to keep. Yet each of us is a separate person with their own unique needs and the right to meet those needs.

When you are having problems meeting your needs I will try to listen with genuine acceptance in order to facilitate your finding your own solutions instead of depending on mine. I will also try to respect your right to choose your own beliefs and develop your own values, different though they may be from mine.

However, when your behavior interferes with what I must do to get my own needs met, I will openly and honestly tell you how your behavior affects

me, trusting that you respect my needs and feelings enough to try to change the behavior that is unacceptable to me. Also, whenever some behavior of mine is unacceptable to you, I hope you will openly and honestly tell me your feelings. I will then listen and try to change my behavior.

At those times when we find that either of us cannot change his behavior to meet the other's needs, let us acknowledge that we have a conflict-of-needs that requires resolving. Let us then commit ourselves to resolve each conflict without either of us resorting to the use of power or authority to try to win at the expense of the other's losing. I respect your needs, but I also must respect my own. So let us always strive to search for a solution that will be acceptable to both of us. Your needs will be met, but so will mine—neither will lose, both will win.

In this way, you can continue to develop as a person through satisfying your needs, but so can I. Thus, ours can be a healthy relationship in which each of us can strive to become what we are capable of being. And we can continue to relate to each other with mutual respect, love and peace.

NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING

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Residents can join local health councils

The Lakeland Regional Health Authority is looking to give area residents a stronger voice on health issues.

This spring, the authority is setting up a group of community health councils in member communities, the purpose of which is to "provide feedback between the communities and health authority."

"We intend to have the Councils appointed by April 1," LRHA chair Dareld Cholak said in a recent press release.

"To improve health, communities must look beyond health centres and address the many other factors that influence health in the community."

The councils will be made up of a maximum

of 15 members, who will advise the authority about "local health needs and priorities" and community perspectives.

The local CHC, No. 5, will include Elk Point, Glendon, Cold Lake, Bonnyville and all communities within those boundaries.

First Nations within the area will be invited to take part, but may instead establish a separate CHC, representing all First Nations groups within the Lakeland region. The same is true of Métis settlements.

Cholak said the LRHA hopes to get "as many applications as possible."

For more information, contact the authority at 1-800-815-8636.

View Points

Elevator closure the end of an era

The closure of the United Grain Growers elevators on Railway Avenue, Elk Point, ends an era that started with the coming of the railroad, 69 years ago.

UGG built the first elevator in Elk Point in time for the 1927 harvest, with Eugene McDonell, the late father-in-law of our present mayor, Ed Buck, as their grain buyer from that time until 1961. The second elevator, built by Victoria Elevator Co. Ltd., was completed in November of that year, with Lawrence Sumpton as its agent. The Alberta Wheat Pool built their elevator in 1929, with Jack Fitzsimmons as the agent, and expanded to two elevators with the purchase of the Victoria elevator many years later. All three elevators have been operated by UGG since Alberta Pool built their new facility west of town in 1983.

For almost seven decades, these 'prairie skyscrapers' have served the farmers of this and surrounding areas, through bumper crops that filled their bins, and hauled-out and dried-out years when very little grain was sold. They received grain delivered in horse-drawn wagons and sleighs, in the first chugging grain trucks, and in modern diesel trucks that haul more in one load than their earlier counterparts could haul all week.

And now that era is over. The plank ramps will no longer rumble as a truck climbs the steep grade, the pit will hold no more of nature's bounty, the office will no longer hear the squeak of ancient chairs as farmers gather to get the news of the day along with their grain cheque.

The new and modern Pool elevator a half mile up the track will continue to serve the needs of the farmers, and has the capacity and conveniences to make unloading and handling the grain faster and more efficient. The rich smell of harvest prevails there, too, and the conversation of the farmers is much the same, but over all hangs a cloud of suspicion that someday, hopefully far in the future, this and all the other country elevators will be swept away by the winds of change. The closure of rail lines and the farm-gate selling of grain has already taken its toll in some communities.

Those winds have already swept down Railway Avenue, and have left the community shivering in their wake.

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Consequences: learning from mistakes

By Teresa Pitman
Today's Parent Magazine

Six-year-old Caleb wants to go outside to play in the snow. But he refuses to wear his mittens. He doesn't want to take the time to figure out where he left them after his last playtime, so he insists on going out with bare hands.

What should Caleb's mother do? She decides to do nothing — to let him learn through natural consequences. When Caleb goes outside to play, his hands quickly become cold. He can't make snowballs or pull his toboggan. After a short time, he decides he needs his mittens, and comes back in to find them.

Four-year-old Jessica doesn't like to share her toys when her friends come over to play. In the past, her father has insisted that she share, but she still keeps grabbing them back from the other children. This time he decides to step back and see what happens.

Jessica's friend Neil picks up a truck and starts to drive it on the couch. Jessica runs over and snatches it away from him. Neil shrugs and walks over to the toybox to find something else to play with, but Jessica blocks it with her body, saying, "Mine!" Looking frustrated, Neil says: "I don't want to play with you. I want to go home."

Jessica is close to tears for a moment. Then she moves away from the toybox. "Okay, Neil, you can play with the

truck." She's learned the natural consequence of not sharing — and decided that she'd rather have a playmate.

Of course, there are some natural consequences that our children must be protected from. A small child who wants to play with matches can't be allowed to learn through the experience of being burned, for example.

In situations where the natural consequences are not safe, parents can sometimes plan logical consequences instead. That means coming up with a response to the child's behavior that "fits" the situation and helps the child to learn.

For example, if your three-year-old son frequently wanders away from you in the shopping mall, he might get lost or hurt. You can't let that happen. Instead, you could plan a logical consequence for wandering away. Perhaps your child will have to sit in the stroller with the safety harness done up, or hold your hand at all times.

But what if the child climbs happily into the stroller and smiles while you fasten the safety harness? Does that mean he hasn't "learned his lesson?" Not at all — a child doesn't have to suffer in order to learn. Perhaps he was already feeling a bit nervous about not being able to see you, and is quite ready for the security of the stroller. Consequences are not punishments. Instead, they are a

way of helping a child learn by letting him see what happens when he behaves in a certain way.

Deciding on suitable logical consequences can be tricky. The consequence should:

*** relate clearly to the misbehavior** - for example, the child who crays on the wall might have to help clean it off. That makes more sense to a child than being sent to her room for the same misbehavior.

*** occur soon after the misbehavior**. If you tell a child who doesn't want to do his homework that he'll have to attend summer school, that consequence will probably seem too far in the future to have much effect. A better approach might be to say that your child can't watch TV or go outside to play until today's homework is done — and offer to help if needed.

*** fit the child's stage of development**. If a three-year-old throws a glass and breaks it, she may be able to fetch you the broom and dustpan, but she cannot safely clean up the shards. Her teenage brother, though, might be expected not only to clean up the mess but to buy a new glass, as well.

Teaching with consequences requires more thought than simple punishment, but it is more effective. Natural and logical consequences help children understand the link between their behavior and its results, and encourage them to take responsibility for their mistakes.

Faith

By Rev. Sam Donaldson

Elk Point Congregational Community Church

Another New Year has arrived. It is always a time of celebration, resolutions and goal setting. It has also moved us closer to a new millennium. The New Year of 2000 A.D. will be a very special time. Special because few — very few — people see the commencement of a millennium.

As we look back over the second thousand years after the birth of Christ we might ask the question — what was the most outstanding historical event in the last ten centuries? For me, it is the placing of a human being on the moon.

In the coming third millennium, science and technology may place a human being on another plane. They may achieve "teleportation" — the beaming of a person from one place to another. Sounds like science fiction! At this point in history, yes. But we know not what the future holds.

I remember watching the landing of the first men on the moon. When they had made their "touch down," the TV interviewer asked a scientist at the space centre what would be next. The scientist suggested inter-galactic travel by means of "teleportation." The interviewer smiled. The scien-

tist also smiled and added, "if you had told Julius Caesar about television he would have smiled also."

Teleportation and intergalactic travel would be a great historical achievement in the third millennium. There is another event — a historical event that would outshine and dwarf teleportation. The return of the Lord Jesus Christ in person, power and glory.

Jesus spoke about his return. The angels spoke about it at the Lord's Ascension. The apostle Paul said, "the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God." 1 Thes. 4:16/ This will set in motion the resurrection of the "dead in Christ," the catching up of the living Christians, the glorification of the entire company of the redeemed and the end of time and history.

That will be the crowning event of history and also the final event as well. After that the eternal state.

We were alive to see men on the moon. We may also be alive to see the return of Christ. Alive or dead, are you ready for that event?

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What's news at the library?

Tantalizing new fiction and nonfiction for juvenile readers

By Michele Ducek

Librarian

Mark your (brand new) calendars for the following events in January:

The library will be holding its Annual General Meeting on January 23, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Elk Point Public Library. Anyone interested is more than welcome to attend.

The Friends of the Library have an evening bingo on Tuesday, January 30, 1996 in St. Paul.

Now that school has started again after the holiday break, I thought I would tantalize juvenile

readers with a few new titles in juvenile fiction and nonfiction:

You Can with Beakman: Science Stuff You Can Do is based on an innovative Sunday strip that answers kids' questions about science. This strip was the inspiration for the popular TV show Beakman's World.

Beakman's Book of Dead Guys and Gals of Science by Luanne Colombo and Peter Georgeson brings to life the feats and genius of 15 dead scientists in an off-the-wall manner taken directly from the popular TV show.

The Mystery of the Yellow Hands by Jake and Luke Thoene is the first book in a new series called The Baker Street Mysteries, set in late 19th century London and featuring the Baker Street Brigade. In this case, the children of London are being kidnapped and even Sherlock Holmes is stumped. He calls on the Brigade to help solve the mystery.

Another new series is **The Time Warp Trio** by Jon Scieszka with illustrations by Lane Smith. Three intrepid adventurers travel through time with the help of "The Book." We have three adventures in the

series:

In **2095**, the trio is zapped into the 21st century where they encounter their descendants and risk wiping out their past.

In **Your Mother was a Neanderthal**, the trio travel all the way back to the Stone Age. How can "The Book" get them back to their own time when writing hasn't even been invented yet?

In **The Not-So-Jolly Roger**, the trio encounter swashbuckling adventure when they set sail with the pirate Blackbeard and his crew of dastardly pirates.

LIBRARY CALENDAR:

Friday mornings, 10:30 a.m. - Storytime. Stories, crafts, songs and more.

DID YOU KNOW:

The Marx brothers real names were: Julius (Groucho), Leonard (Chico), Adolph, later changed to Arthur (Harpo),

FGM Senior Girls repeat as Regional Invitational champs

By Richard Wright

Staff Writer

He couldn't have put it a better way if he was Dr. James Naismith himself. "This was a great game. It could have gone either way. If we had lost we would have had no shame..."

That was how F.G. Miller's Girls Basketball coach Ray Danyluk described the final of the Regional High School Invitational Basketball Tournament in which his team faced the Regional Saints and came away with a 63-58 win on Saturday.

"The only reason we won is because the clock stopped while we were ahead," he added.

In only the Tournament's second year of competition the team from Elk Point is its only champion. Last January the Crusaders dumped Ashmont in the final.

Regional made it to the final this time around with wins over Lac La Biche and Devon.

F.G. Miller took out Grande Centre and Notre Dame of Bonnyville to make it to the championship game.

F.G. Miller's Tammy Seiben had a strong game for the

Crusaders sinking 22 points which included six key points heading down the stretch.

"She burned us for a bout six fast break layups at a real crucial time," acknowledged

Regional coach Kelly Burke after the game.

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Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Room 605, Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

T.O.P.S. meets every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Old Courthouse, west door, Elk Point.

"New To Town" FCSS would like to welcome and familiarize new families with the services and programs available in town. Welcome packages contain a community directory, volunteer directory, coupons, maps and more! Call 724-3800 for more information or drop by 4902 - 51 Street.

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The Elk Point Legion now meets on the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Seniors' Centre.

Elk Point Auto Club - meets at the Empress Restaurant, Elk Point, the 2nd Wednesday of each month. More information call: Ed Smith at 724-2527.

Elk Point Olettes regular meeting is the 1st Thursday of the month. For more information, call Fay at 724-2036.

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What's news at Playschool

By Diane Pashulka

Playschool instructor

Hi, everybody. Everyone at playschool hopes you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We sure all had fun getting ready for Christmas. The children and I had a wonderful time decorating the room and putting up the Christmas tree. The children's crafts were great decorations for the room, everything from Santa Claus faces to dried apple ornaments. We practiced a lot of Christmas carols for our own special Christmas concert. The children are great little singers and actors. We did our own little skit, with sayings for

each letter in Merry Christmas. Each child played their part beautifully and I can't wait to see the videotapes. The highlight, of course, was when Santa Claus arrived. Everyone's eyes lit up like a Christmas tree. It's such a joyous time of year and winking eyes and broad smiles make it even more pleasant.

I am looking forward to getting back to Playschool on January 9. I've missed the children terribly over the holiday season. During the month of January, we will be discussing winter. Hopefully the weather will be nice and we will be able to go tobogganing and spend more time outdoors. Playschool went tobogganing last year and both children and parents had fun.

In the next few months I hope to be taking the children on a few field trips and have some guests come to visit us. I'm excited about the months to come. I want to extend thanks to Yvette Laux and the parents who have been a tremendous help to me and the children over the past

few months. I am thankful for their support.

Playschool takes registrations at any time if the year. We welcome all new families. Playschool is a great experience for children and it gives them the opportunity to grow in every aspect, especially socially. Parent involvement is greatly appreciated and definitely welcomed. We all work together to make playschool a success. If you are interested in joining the program you are welcome to come and observe us at the school or just come and pick up a registration package. Please contact me at 724-2400 (playschool) or 724-2660. I'll be there to answer any questions, and am looking forward to meeting you.

As of January 1996, playschool will not be a part of FCSS. I want to extend a special thank you to Terri Ehlert, Lynn Proskiw and Deanna Easthope who have been a God-send. I am grateful for their support over the past few years. Playschool is going to miss their expertise and loyalty. All the best to you.

The past year in review -- Part II

(Continued from Front Page)

September: summer winds down

Dion Roscoe dedicates the bullriding championship to his late traveling partner Kirk Jacknife at LRA Showdown '95. Erica Nielsen received the award for Junior Barrel Racing season runner-up. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce got ready for a busy fall season, after a summer which saw visitation at the Tourist Information Centre drop by 36 percent, probably due to a decrease from 7 to 5 days of service per week. Mayor Ed Buck declared his intention of retiring from both Town Council and school board, but eventually bowed to public pressure and submitted his nomination papers. He and the rest of the Council were returned by acclamation. Ray Danyluk was back on County Council and Regional School Board by acclamation. The end of another season at Fort George - Buckingham House was marked with the Fort Des Prairies Jamboree. Runners, walkers and cyclists raised \$3489.50 at the Terry Fox Run. Renee Anderson topped the long list of achievers at F. G.

Miller Awards Night. FCSS Information Night offered something of interest to residents of all ages.

October: election month

Four men from the Lindbergh and Heinsburg districts contested the Division 1 County Council seat formerly held by Bob Smith, with Allen Young outdistancing George Anderson, Johnny Lypowy and Fritz Youngmans at the polls. Elk Point's Community Health Council Steering Committee lobbied the Lakeland Regional Health Authority for the continuation of acute and long term care beds at Elk Point Health Centre. Town Council agreed to allow short term parking between 50th Avenue and the railway crossing on Highway 41, and met with fairgrounds representatives to discuss drainage problems. Lea and Mabel Wruth were named Northern Alberta Foster Family of the Year. FCSS hosted an informative panel discussion on Alzheimer's Disease. Council held their organizational meeting and decided to cut back to one meeting per month. Bill Schuhmacher was

sworn in as deputy mayor.

November: Elk Point remembers

Elk Point Insurance was named the Chamber's 1995 Small Business of the Year. Bruce Smith died in an all-terrain-vehicle accident. A county and school board information meeting hosted by Ray Danyluk was well attended.

The new cenotaph was the focal point of the 1995 Remembrance Day observances, with the sculpture of a grieving Legion member in place temporarily for the occasion. Elk Point churches joined in a celebration of faith, with special guests including Deborah Grey, Jim Browning and Michael Hart. Elk Point Elementary School and F. G. Miller High School formed Parent Advisory Councils. Both schools hosted Remembrance Day observances. Pan Canadian Petroleum announced plans to drill over 200 new wells in 1996. Town Council approved a new one-year ambulance service contract. Chairs of the A. G. Ross Arena Operating Committee and the Fairgrounds and Livestock

Committee agreed to share the role of Agricultural Society president. Elk Point Minor Hockey coaches more than met their match when the CFCW Country Critters came to town.

December: Christmas spirit reigns

Students and staff of F. G. Miller High filled more than 50 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Elk Point's 9th annual Christmas Extravaganza was a big success for businesses and shoppers. GrenCo Industries Ltd., critters Pet and Livestock Feed and Supply and Fins, Feathers and Furry Things celebrated grand openings. Elk Point Community Choir sang in the season. ATA President Bauni Mackay visited Elk Point Elementary School. "Auntie Grace" Franks marked her hundredth birthday. An inter-denominational carol service at Elk Point United Church, Trees of Hope glowing at Parkview Extended Care, a pair of Elementary School concerts and award winning Christmas light displays welcomed the season. The year wound up with a very successful First Night Festival.



SKATE-A-THON OILFIELD CHALLENGE --Dave Cousins presents the trophy to Lorraine Ference of E-Can Oilfield Services, who raised \$883 in pledges. At left is Oldest Skater Doug Bassett, while at right are Sue Loughran and Ron Salt, who skated the most laps.

Thunder attends Kitscoty tournament

Elk Point Midget Thunder played tough hockey this past weekend in the 4th Annual Gordon King Memorial Tournament hosted by the Kitscoty Pitbulls. Friday morning the Thunder were up early and made the cold -35 degree trip to Kitscoty for their first game against the Turtleford Tigers. Early in the first period the Thunder took a 2 goal lead when Jordan Bassett deked out the Tigers' goalie, then Marty Bendixen scored on a hard slapshot from the slot. But after 2 periods with the score 2-

2, Turtleford got a lucky break on a questionable goal and without video replay, we will never know for sure. The Thunder did not give up fighting but lost this one 4-2.

Early Saturday morning the Thunder lost a rough and tough game against the big team from North Battleford whose goalie stoned the Thunder. The Thunder dominated the game, outshooting them in the second period 26-10 but trailed by 2 goals after 40 minutes. The only Thunder goal in the third period was

scored by Ferlin Quinney assisted by Thunder goalie BJ Tucker.

Saturday night Thunder took on the "AA" team from Vegreville and came out on top. The Wranglers opened the scoring in the first period, but workhorse Marty Bendixen soon tied the game with his first of three for the night, giving him the hat trick and 21 goals for the year. Vegreville pulled ahead again, but once more the Thunder tied it up when the big lad Derek Cusack scored his first of two for the night, sending the teams to the dressing rooms with a 2-2 tie after the first period. Early in the second the Wranglers scored again, but then it was hard work from Chris Berlinguette and the game was tied once more, making it 3-3 after the second period. In the third period the Thunder pulled ahead 7-5 with excellent goaltending by veteran goaltender Geoff Meheydyn keeping the Wranglers off the board until the last minute when the Wranglers called the Thunder on an illegal stick and with tow men short they scored, making the final 7-6 in favor of the Thunder.

With very little sleep, the Thunder returned Sunday morning to meet the host team, the Kitscoty Pitbulls in the semi finals. The Pitbulls scored first, but Kyle Braithwaite soon tied it up and after the first it was 1-1. In the second period team captain Kristen Holthe scored on a blistering slapshot from the point to give Thunder the lead, but the Pitbulls tied it making it 2-2 after the the second period. In the third, the Pitbulls gained momentum with their third goal and went on to win 5-2. Thunder goalie played an excellent game facing 55 shots, losing the battle but not the war!

Atoms host tournament



PLAMONDON ATOMS- went undefeated, winning over Bonnyville and Mallaig before taking on Elk Point in the final.



ELK POINT CAPITOL ATOMS -- lost the final to Plamondon after winning the A Pool with a win over Saddle Lake and a tie with Kikino. Saddle Lake defeated Mallaig in the B final.

The Sports Page

Skate-a-thon raises close to \$3000 in pledges

Early estimates are in the \$3000 range for funds raised at Elk Point Skating Club's 1996 Skate-a-thon.

Lorraine Ference gathered the most pledges at \$883, and took the Oilfield Challenge trophy as a representative of E-Can Oilfield Services. Ron Salt of Pan Canadian skated the most laps, 29, in the Oilfield Challenge.

Among the skaters outside the Challenge, Tyler Loughran earned the most pledges, \$331, with Ryan McDonald in second place with \$154. Curtis Salt skated the most laps, making 28 circuits of the rink.

Three year old Blake Brodwin was the youngest boy taking part, while Catherine Campbell, 6, was the youngest girl. Doug Bassett, 42, was the oldest skater. Ashley Hebblethwaite wore the prettiest costume.



WINNING SKATERS - left to right are Ryan McDonald, Curtis Salt, Blake Brodwin, Tyler Loughran and Catherine Campbell. Dave Cousins presented the certificates.

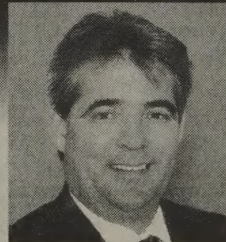
THUNDER vs WAINWRIGHT BISONS Sunday Afternoon -- Come cheer them on!

ATTENTION ALL LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS!

An information meeting on wintering your livestock with alfalfa products will be held
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in the St. Paul Ag Corral.

SPEAKERS: Terry Holmgren (local beef specialist);
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